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<b>UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL</b>  <b>UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)</b>		Attorney Docket No.	36968/187
		First Named Inventor	James C. Beedingfield
		Title	Method and System for Validating Transactions Within a Regional Messaging System
		Express Mail Label No.	EL228363460US

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**  
See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

**ADDRESS TO:** Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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1. ☒ **Specification** Total Pages **41**  
(preferred arrangement as set forth below)
  - Descriptive title of the Invention
  - Cross References to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
2. ☒ **Drawing(s) (35 USC 113)** Total Sheets **3**
3. ☒ **Oath or Declaration** Total Pages **4**
  - a. ☒ Unexecuted (original)
  - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional with box 17 completed) (Note Box 4 below)
    - i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, See 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
4. ☐ **Incorporation By Reference** (usable if Box 3b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

5. ☐ **Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)**
6. **Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission** (if applicable, all necessary)
  - a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy
  - b. ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
  - c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

7. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
8. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney (when there is an assignee)
9. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
10. ☐ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of IDS Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations
11. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
12. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
13. ☐ Small Entity ☐ Statement filed in prior application, Status still proper and desired
14. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (If foreign priority is claimed)
15. Other:
  - ☒ Check in the amount of **\$1356.00**  
During the pendency of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.116 and 1.117 to Deposit Account No. 11-0855

16. If a **CONTINUING APPLICATION**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment:
- ☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application
- Prior application information: Examiner: Group/Art Unit:

**17. FEE CALCULATIONS**

CLAIMS	For	Number Filed	Extra	Rate	Calculations
	Total Claims	31 - 20 =	11 x	\$18 =	\$ 198.00
	Indep. Claims	9 - 3 =	6 x	\$78 =	\$ 468.00
	Multiple Dependent Claims (if applicable)		+	\$260 =	\$
				Basic Fee (37 CFR 1.16)	\$ 690.00
				Total Calculations	\$1356.00
				Reduced by 50% for filing small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).	\$ 0.00
				Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40 per property	\$ 0.00
				<b>TOTAL FEES SUBMITTED</b>	<b>\$1356.00</b>

**18. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**

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